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स्कीम का नाम	राज्य	नदियां	नगर	अनुमोदित लागत
गंगा कार्य योजना चरण-1	3	1	25	462.04
गंगा कार्य योजना चरण-2	5	4	95	1281.10
राष्ट्रीय नदी संरक्षण योजना	10	18	46	772.09

Integrated Cooperative Development Programme in Orissa

1565. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centrally sponsored Integrated Cooperative Development Programme is being implemented in Orissa;

(b) whether the scheme has been sponsored by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC);

(c) if so, the details of the areas covered under the programme so far; and

(d) the number of people belonging to Scheduled Tribes benefitted under the programme in those areas so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) One Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) was approved for implementation in Koraput district of Orissa State in March, 1987. Since the State Finance Department declined to recommend the project for approval inspite of repeated persuasion by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), the project could not be sanctioned for implementation.

(b) Yes, Sir. The scheme was sponsored by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

(c) and (d) Since the project could not be sanctioned, no details are available.

Collection of Plant Species by Foreign Pharmaceutical Companies

1566. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. based Sabinsa Corporation, Phytera INc., Ecopharon and Phyton Catalytic Inc., the UK-based Xenova Limited; and the Spanish Pharamaman are making huge collections of plant species in test tubes under the grab of research and development in collaboration with certain Indian private companies;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken so far to put an immediate curb on this practice; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward any legislation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) The Government has not received any such information/complaint on the matter. Government grants access to genetic material for research purposes on request on the following conditions after examination of the case on its merits;

(i) The collection shall be of specific material for specified purpose only;

(ii) Any research or research publication on the material collected shall be undertaken only with the prior approval of the Government of India;

(iii) The material, germplasm, products or research relating to or based on the material shall not be passed on to any third party for any purpose, without seeking the permission from the Government of India;

(iv) The material, germplasm, products or research derived from or based on the material shall not be commercialised without prior permission from the Government of India. Such a permission would be subject to a separate agreement which would include provision for a share in the benefits and rights accruing from such commercialisation; and

(b) and (c) The subject of legislation or a legally enforceable instrument for regulating transfer of genetic material is under active consideration of the Government.

Construction of Kalyan-Ahmednagar Railway Line

1567. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received a proposal in February 1996, from the Municipal-Corporator of Kalyan for the construction of Kalyan-Ahmednagar Railway line in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the present status of the project; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) No such proposal has been received. However, an updating of Traffic Survey for new BG line from Kalyan to Ahmednagar via Murbad (204 kms.), has been included in Budget, 1996-97.

Further consideration of the project will be possible, once the results of the survey become available.

State Forestry Action Plan for Andhra Pradesh

1568. DR. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in conformity with the National Forestry Action Plan a drall State Forestry Action Plan was prepared by the Forest Department of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the said action plan was forwarded to the Central Government in 1995;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government have considered the same; and

(d) if so, by when the Central Government are likely to approve the draft and by when the proposal will be implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) and (d) State Forestry Action Programme of the Andhra Pradesh is being dovetailed into the National Forestry Action Programme. This is likely to be finalised within 1997 and will be placed before donor agencies and Planning Commission for funding.

Execution of modernisation programme by FACT

1569. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AN FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is executing the project of 900 TPD Ammonia Plant, a 900 TPD Sulphuric Acid Plant and a 300 TPD Methanol plant and other modernisation programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent Government have extended the financial assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is and setting up a new 900 tonnes per day (TPD) ammonia plant at Udyogamandal at an estimated cost of Rs. 618 crore. The project is scheduled to be commissioned in June/July 1997. Environmental clearance for FACT's proposal for establishing a 900 TDP sulphuric acid plant at Ambalamedu is awaited. The proposal for building a 300 TDP methanol plant at Udyogamandal has not been found economically viable.

(c) The new ammonia project of FACT is being financed through a credit of Japanese Yen 24,482 million from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan, which has been routed through the central budget. The benefit of customs duty exemption in respect of the capital goods imported for the project amounts to about Rs. 48 crore.